

The History of Public Markets in Montreal

Montréal, July 3, 2014 – This summer, the **Château Ramezay – Historic Site and Museum of Montréal** invites you to discover the evolution of Montréal’s public markets. Produced in collaboration with **Marchés Publics de Montréal** and the **Université du Québec à Montréal**, the free exhibition ***The History of Public Markets in Montréal*** is receiving visitors on **Place De La Dauversière** from July 3 to October 13, 2014.



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Since 1676, public markets have played a key role in the Montréal community. First introduced at the time of New France, markets multiplied, reaching the height of their popularity in the 1800s. In addition to being a preferred location for obtaining supplies, they were a favourite place for gathering and entertainment. The public management of the City’s markets contributed to their unique character, which in turn shaped Montréal’s identity. Today, marketplaces are gradually regaining popularity after a decline in favour of supermarkets a few decades ago.

Through maps and old photographs, you will discover the layout of the City’s first marketplaces and the traces they have left behind in today’s urban organization. This backlit outdoor exhibition is free and open day and night, from July 3 to October 13 on Place De La Dauversière, located between the Château Ramezay and Place Jacques-Cartier, across from City Hall.

For something a little more contemporary on Place De La Dauversière, the Château is also presenting the installation, ***Itinerant Pods***, a production by **North Design Office**, as part of the 6th edition ***Métis-sur-Montréal***, in collaboration with **Reford Gardens**. This installation invites you to take a relaxing stroll through the tranquil setting of **Place De La Dauversière** from July 3 to October 13, 2014.

The Château Ramezay – Historic Site and Museum of Montréal, a non-profit organization, safeguards and makes accessible a collection that reflects and attests to the history of Montréal and Québec. It was the first building in Québec to be classified an historic monument and is the province’s oldest private historical museum. Visit our website: chateauramezay.qc.ca

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